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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. IV | Lack of unity of invention |
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
 - ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1 (b))
 - ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 - ☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:
 - ☒ the international application as originally filed/furnished
 - ☐ the description:

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 - ☐ the claims:

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 - ☐ the drawings:

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3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
 - ☐ the description, pages
 - ☐ the claims, Nos.
 - ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs
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4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
 - ☐ the description, pages
 - ☐ the claims, Nos.
 - ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs
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* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims 2-22, 25-26	YES
	Claims 1, 23, 24	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	YES
	Claims 1-26	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-26	YES
	Claims	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The following documents identified in the International Search Report have been considered for the purposes of this opinion:

- D1 SCHACK et al (1995)*
- D2 SCHACK et al (1995)
- D3 TSENG et al (1995)
- D4 BISHOP (2002)
- D5 BRUCE (2001)
- D6 US 5010891 (CHAMOUN)
- D7 US 5083571 (PRICHEP)
- D8 US 5797853 (MUSHA et al)
- D9 US 6067467 (JOHN)
- D10 DENG (2002)

The present application determines the state of a persons brain by processing eeg data using an autoregressive moving average and solving the z-domain polynomial to an 8th order autoregressive and a 5th order moving average to obtain a plot of poles in the z plane. The polar plot may be used to monitor brain function, thus determining an individuals alertness, response to an agent and their state of sleep. This concept is expressed most broadly in claims 1 and 23. Subsequent independent claims (3, 4, 7, 10, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 25) define specific situations where this processing is used.

These claims define known z-transform formula (see document D4 and D5) being solved for the 8th and 5th order polynomials.

Documents D1 and D2 disclose exploring human cognitive processes by analysing EEG data using an autoregressive/moving average (ARMA) model. They recognise that for a sufficiently accurate fit of the signal to the model, the model order (p,q) must be established. They suggest that p+q should be in the range 9 to 20, and disclose p as being 15 (15th order autoregressive) and q as 5 (5th order moving average). It is considered that the polynomial order required is dependent on the quality of the EEG data (itself dependent on the quality of the equipment used to collect the data). Since it has been recognised that p+q should be in a range, the particular values of p and q are a matter of experimentation for a particular data set. The values of p and q disclosed in the present claims (8 and 5), obey the basic rule disclosed in documents D1 and D2. Arriving at values of p=8 and q=5 results from non-inventive experimentation and does not involve an inventive step. Claims 1, 23 and 24 lack an inventive step in view of either D1 or D2.

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Box No. VI Certain documents cited

1. Certain published documents (Rule 70.10)

Application No. Patent No.	Publication date (day/month/year)	Filing date (day/month/year)	Priority date (valid claim) (day/month/year)
P,A US 6549804	15 April 2003	10 June 1999	23 January 1996

2. Non-written disclosures (Rule 70.9)

Kind of non-written disclosure

Date of non-written disclosure
(day/month/year)

Date of written disclosure
referring to non-written disclosure
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Supplemental Box

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Document D3 discusses ARMA modelling of EEG signals and presents an equation (1) (see page 72) which is substantially the same as the "y(n)" equation defined in claims 3, 4, 7, 10, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25. This document does not discuss z-transformation on the modelled EEG signal. Their results summarise testing a range of model orders and evaluation of their efficiency. Table 2 of D3 presents their results. It is clear that 8th order autoregressive and 5th order moving average are within the scope of their testing model orders. Claims 1, 23 and 24 lack novelty in view of this document.

Documents D4 and D5 are references to extracts from standard texts on Biomedical digital signal processing. They disclose the equations defined in independent claims 3, 4, 7, 10, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 25 and using z-transforms to determine the poles. The instant application admits that a standard ARMA modelling and z-transform package is used to calculate coefficients according to the equations defined in the independent claims. The present claims define using standard techniques, known equations and obvious coefficients, to analyse EEG data for a known purpose. Claims 2 to 2 and 25 to 26 are considered to lack an inventive step in view of either D1, D2 or D3, in view of the common general knowledge as exemplified by documents D4 and D5. Claims 2 to 22 and 25 to 26 are all considered to lack an inventive step in view of either D1, D2 or D3 when read in the light of either documents D4 or D5.

Document D6 to D9 disclose using z-transformed EEG data to measure brain function in a various circumstances. Document D10 is a set of lecture notes cited to illustrate z-transforms in digital signal processing. None of these documents disclose the invention as defined in the instant case.

Claims 1, 23 and 24 lack novelty and do not satisfy Article 33(2) of the PCT. Claims 2 to 22 and 25 to 26 are novel, have an industrial application and thus satisfy Articles 33(2). Article 33(3) of the PCT is not satisfied, claims 1 to 26 lack an inventive step in view of the cited prior art. Article 33(4) of the PCT is satisfied, claims 1 to 26 have an industrial application.